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SUBJ: DAUD REGIME TAKES STRONG STAND ON NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT

REF: A) ANKARA 6231; B) GENEVA 4169

SUMMARY: I MET WITH SAMAD GHAUS, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS, MFA, ON AUGUST 4, IN THE OFFICE OF WAHID ABDULLAH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER. GHAUS AND ABDULLAH ASSURED ME THAT PRESIDENT DAUD STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT AND IS PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION ON A WIDE FRONT. END SUMMARY.

1. SAMAD GHAUS REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT DAUD HAD REQUESTED AND RECEIVED A FULL BRIEFING ON NARCOTICS PROBLEMS AND PROPOSED PROGRAMS FROM GHAUS. THE PRESIDENT GAVE WHOLEHEARTED APPROVAL FOR THE PROPOSED ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT, TOLD GHAUS TO GO AHEAD  
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WITH THE PLANS AND TO KEEP HIM PERSONALLY INFORMED. DAUD,

ACCORDING GHAUS, IS AWARE THAT PROGRAM, TO BE SUCCESSFUL, MUST HAVE PUBLIC AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT BACKING, AND STATED THERE WERE SEVERAL THINGS AFGHANISTAN COULD DO ON ITS OWN, INITIALLY, WITHOUT OUTSIDE HELP. I HAD ARRANGED FOR SAID TERRY BURKE TO GIVE ABDULLAH FULL RUNDOWN ON NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. ABDULLAH SAID THAT DAUD WITH EVIDENCE SUCH AS THIS WAS PREPARED TO BEGIN CRACKDOWN THAT WOULD SERVE BOTH AS WARNING TO AFGHAN TRAFFICKERS AND AS PROOF TO WORLD OF AFGHANISTAN'S DETERMINATION TO ENFORCE ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS. I ARRANGED WITH ABDULLAH THAT UPON HIS RETURN, SA HOLM WILL MEET WITH HIM TO FURTHER PURSUE COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE.

2. GENEVA CONFERENCE: GHAUS MENTIONED THAT BOTH HE AND PRESIDENT BELIEVE THAT GENEVA PROCESS SHOULD BE RESUMED, BUT GHAUS WAS PERSONALLY OF OPINION THAT IT SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL DECEMBER TO GIVE NEW GOVERNMENT TIME TO SOLIDIFY CONTROL AND BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO DONOR INITIATIVES. IN THE MEANTIME, GHAUS STATED THE UN COULD CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTEREST OTHER DONORS IN TAKING PART. FYI: GHAUS IMPLIED SOME RESERVATION AS TO EFFECTIVENESS OF UN LEADERSHIP AND HOPES THAT SOME WAY WOULD BE FOUND TO INSURE A STRONG HAND AT THE CONTROL. END FYI.

3. COOPERATION WITHIN GOVERNMENT: GHAUS MENTIONED THAT ENTIRE POLICE FORCE BEING REORGANIZED WITHIN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND PERHAPS AFGHAN GOVERNMENT WOULD FOLLOW GERMAN ADVICE AND CONCENTRATE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS THERE WITH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE RETAINING A ROLE.

4. I POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE TWO THINGS GOVERNMENT COULD DO IMMEDIATELY AND ON ITW OWN, IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO TAKE STRONG INITIAL STEPS TO DEMINSTRATE DETERMINATION. FIRST, GOVERNMENT COULD CRACK DOWN ON KNOWN VIOLATORS; BIG TRAFFICKERS WHO ARE POLITICALLY IMPORTANT AND AGAINST WHOM PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT HAD FAILED TO ACT. IN ADDITION, INDIVIDUALS IN PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT SOMETIMES LEAKED NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE TO TRAFFICKERS AND THIS MUST BE STOPPED. SECOND, GOVERNMENT COULD JOIN INTERPOL WHICH WOULD GREATLY ASSISY EFFORTS AT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON DRUG ENFORCEMENT. GHAUS AGREED WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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THESE POINTS AND SAID WOULD BE SURE AND PASS THEM ON TO PRESIDENT.  
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